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Local fundraiser supports the creation of sensory rooms

By Jennifer McFee

The Rainbow Room Project wrapped up a successful fundraiser to support the creation of sensory rooms in public schools.

Melanie and Lenny Jessup of Warren started fundraising three years ago after their daughter Scarlett was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder (ASD) on her third birthday on Sept. 9, 2019.

"ASD is a developmental disorder that can affect communication and social interactions — a different way of seeing the world. That year was the hardest. We didn't know anything about autism," Melanie said.

"We had so many questions and fears. We felt like our daughter was slipping away from us. She wasn't able to spend time with us as a family. We were becoming isolated."

In September 2020, Scarlett was accepted into the autism early learning program at St. Amant.

"She spent two wonderful years there. They helped her come out of her shell," Melanie said.

"They gave her a safe place to go and to develop at her own pace. They do amazing work in that program, and we wanted to help in some way."

In 2021, they hosted a live 50/50 draw that raised \$550 for St. Amant Foundation. In 2022, they raised \$1,000 for St. Amant Foundation.

This school year, their daughter started going to public school at Warren Elementary.

"She was faced with many new challenges and, in the beginning, was overwhelmed. The school was amazing with her and took their time with letting her get comfortable. At this time, we realized how important

it was for her to have a safe space to go — to unwind and regulate herself, empty her bucket, I like to say. Then a light bulb went off and we wanted to change our focus a little bit on our fundraiser," Melanie said.

"We didn't only want to fundraise for St. Amant; we want to help as many public schools as we can. It's essential for schools to have a sensory room for our kiddos. A sensory room is a therapeutic space with a variety of equipment that provides students with special needs with personalized sensory input. It helps and teaches our kiddos to calm and focus themselves."

This year, they started the Rainbow Room Project and raised \$1,000 for Warren Elementary School plus \$400 for St. Amant Foundation through their popular 50/50 draw.

"Every year, our goal is to beat our previous year," Melanie added.

"We do our raffle in the month of April as it's Autism Awareness Month."

Anyone who would like to contribute can follow their Facebook page called "Rainbow Room Project" or email Melanie at melennyjessup@gmail.com.

Chris Gamble, principal of Warren Elementary, said the school will use the funds to help create a sensory space for its students. He expressed gratitude for the work of Mrs. Fall and Mrs. MacMillan of the student services team, along with occupational therapist Julie DeGroot, for spearheading the project.

"Sensory rooms are a positive and proactive space dedicated to supporting student regulation. When students are regulated, they are bet-



TRIBUNE PHOTO SUBMITTED

Rainbow Room Project donated \$400 to St. Amant Foundation through a recent fundraiser.

ter able to access learning, engage in relationships and participate in classroom activities," he said.

"At Warren Elementary School, we will focus on creating an active environment, and we will use a variety of equipment and tools to provide the best sensory input to meet students' specific needs."

At the school, they're currently in the process of cleaning out the art supply room, which Gamble says is a large space that's perfect for this purpose.

"Warren Elementary School has a diverse student population. Our student services team, along with our classroom teachers have been brainstorming what we could do to provide more sensory-specific programming for our students. With recent renovations in our building, a room opened up that we felt would meet the criteria for a sensory space. This welcome donation will help to purchase some resources for that space," he said.

"In consultation with our divisional occupational therapist, our student services team has discussed a phased

plan for creating this space. The space will be a movement sensory experience for all students who are struggling with dysregulation in the classroom. We are hoping to start using this space in fall 2023. Phase 1 is hoping to include floor mats, a stationary bike and special lighting tools."

The fundraiser helped the school to access more materials and expedited the ability to create the much-needed space, he added.

"Our school will use our divisional funds and the fundraising donation to create a space that will support all of our students who need this adaptation," Gamble said.

"Our staff are well trained in supporting students with various needs, including autism spectrum disorder. Often students with autism spectrum disorder require student-specific programming for parts of their day that include sensory support. Warren Elementary School is committed to meeting the needs of all students and is an inclusive school learning environment."

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Stonewall students observe butterflies' life cycle

By Jennifer McFee

Stonewall students were aflutter with excitement last week when they released butterflies they've been observing in their classrooms.

For about 20 years, Grade 2 classes at Ecole RW Bobby Bend School have been observing the life cycle of painted lady butterflies.

Teacher Lori Palmer said all five of this year's Grade 2 classes had five caterpillars purchased from Scholar's Choice in their classrooms.

"The students are very engaged while they observe the different stages of the butterfly life cycle. The hungry caterpillars rapidly grow in size. Students are amazed how quickly the process of metamorphosis occurs," she said.

"Sometimes we are fortunate to see the butterflies emerge from the chrysalis, which is very exciting and cool. When we release the butterflies, students sit on the grass eagerly crowding around the butterfly habitat, hoping that a butterfly will land on their hand."

Depending how large the caterpillars are when they arrive, it usually takes about a week to 10 days for them to grow large enough to make



Students hoped that a butterfly would land on their hand.

the fascinating change from caterpillar to chrysalis, Palmer said.

"We know when they are ready to change because the caterpillars will climb to the top of the container and attach themselves with silk to the paper that is under the lid of the cup. They will hang upside down from the paper and make a 'J' shape," she said.

"The caterpillars will shed their skin, or molt, one last time and their body will form the chrysalis. Usually seven to 10 days later, the butterflies will emerge."

Grade 2 science curriculum includes a unit that focuses on growth and



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY LORI PALMER

Grade 2 classes from Ecole RW Bobby Bend School recently released butterflies in Quarry Park.

changes in animals, Palmer added. The project came full circle when the Grade 2 classes released the butterflies to nature in Quarry Park.

"This is a terrific science inquiry project because it begins with the students' sense of wonder and curiosity.

The project promotes questioning, discussions, observations and research," Palmer said.

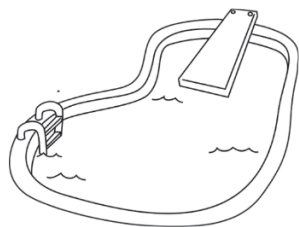
"We hope to help students develop an appreciation for nature and science."



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COVID-19 personal care home shelters being repurposed

Submitted by the Manitoba

The Manitoba government is donating all of the external visitation shelters installed at personal care homes during the COVID-19 pandemic to First Nations, not-for-profit and co-operative organizations, and municipalities throughout the province to be repurposed to benefit communities, Consumer Protection and Government Services Minister James Teitsma announced Friday.

"We commissioned these visitation shelters during the pandemic so personal care home residents could spend quality time visiting with their families in secure, accessible spaces," said Teitsma. "Now that they are no longer required for this purpose, we are donating them for a range of other wonderful uses for the continued benefit of Manitobans."

The minister noted that 27 proponents have been selected through an open expression of interest to receive the 104 shelters. Specifically, the Department of Consumer Protection and Government Services will donate 43 shelters to First Nations communities, 55 shelters to not-for-profit and community support organizations and six shelters to municipalities.

The shelters will be repurposed for housing and accommodations, recreation and sports, animal care, vegetation, farming and other uses.

The proponents selected by the department for shelters include Assiniboine Park Conservancy, Bear Clan Patrol, Bloodvein River First Nation, Breidavik Nyja Island Historical Library and Resource Centre, Co-operative Geothermal Greenhouse Initiative, Dakota Tipi First Nation, K9

Advocates Manitoba, Keepem Rollin, Long Plain First Nation, Northlands Denesuline First Nation/Northco Management, Norway House Cree Nation, Oak Park Raiders Football Club Alumni Association, Portage la Prairie Community Revitalization Corporation, Rugby Manitoba, Rural Municipality of Argyle, Rural Municipality of Lac du Bonnet, Sandy Lake Drop-in Centre, SCORE Store, Shoal Lake Splash Park Community, St. James Optimist and St. James-Assiniboia Minor Baseball Association, Swan Valley Historical Society (Museum), The John Howard Society, Thunderhill Ski Club, Vita Food Bank, Wildlife Haven Rehabilitation Centre, Winnipeg Folk Festival and York Factory First Nation.

"The visitation shelters donated by the Manitoba government will provide the Assiniboine Park Zoo with a cost-effective, sustainable and flexible solution to ongoing infrastructure challenges and accelerate the modernization of the zoo as we strive to meet the ever-rising standards for animal care and welfare and expand our contribution to wildlife conservation, research, rescue and education," said Dr. Chris Enright, senior director of zoological operations for Assiniboine Park Conservancy. "We are grateful for this opportunity and the province's support of Assiniboine Park Zoo."

The selected proponents will be responsible for all costs related to transporting the shelters to their new locations, the minister noted.



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Class of 1993 SCI Reunion

Submitted by Jennifer Tycholis

We are calling all former students from Stonewall Collegiate Institute Class of 1993. An SCI 30-year high school reunion will be held on Saturday, Sept. 30, 2023, at Stonewall Quarry Park Heritage Arts Centre.

Committee members Darci Loehmer, Jodine MacDuff, Derrick Amy, Scott Moody, Chris Voogt, Jennifer Tycholis and Shane Storie are responsible for organizing this event. All details are on the SCI Class of 1993 – 30 year Reunion-2023 Facebook group page.

The reunion will include dinner,

music, dancing and more!

Tickets are available by etransfer to sci1993grad@gmail.com. Ticket prices are \$60 until July 31 and then \$75 beginning Aug. 1. Dinner will be catered by Something Beautiful.

Please get in touch with any of our committee members or join our Facebook group for more information. Limited seating is available.

If you or anyone you know was a part of Class of 1993 and are not online, please email sci1993grad@gmail.com with any contact details. We look forward to reconnecting with everyone.



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Send us your grad celebration photos!

Staff
Will you be attending a local 2023 high school grad?

We would love for you to send us some of your favourite photos for possible publication in the *Stonewall Teulon Tribune*.

We're looking for candid shots of graduates at convocation ceremonies as well as photos of award winners.

It would also be great if families and friends could send indoor and outdoor shots of the grads before, during and after their celebrations — and it's even better if you can provide their

names too.

We'd be happy to receive photos from graduation festivities throughout the entire region. In particular, we're hoping to receive photos from Stonewall, Warren, Teulon, St. Laurent and the colonies.

Please email submissions to news@stonewallteulontribune.ca. The deadline to submit photos is Wednesday, June 28 at 10 a.m. — but the sooner, the better!

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For further details, please contact MPI at inquiries@mpi.mb.ca or visit the Board's website at www.pubmanitoba.ca.

If you are interested in learning more about this rate application, you are encouraged to attend the hearing, observe the hearing via live streaming, or provide your perspectives through the Board's online comment tool.

If you wish to speak at the hearing or make a written submission, please contact the Board Secretary, Dr. Darren Christle at 204-945-2638 or toll free 1-866-854-3698, no later than **October 1, 2023**.

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Share your input on the future of Quarry Park

By Jennifer McFee

Come one, come all! Everyone is invited to attend the Quarry Park master plan open house, which will take place at Stonewall's Heritage Arts Centre on Thursday, June 22 from 4 to 7 p.m.

Scatliff + Miller + Murray, a multi-disciplinary consulting firm, is preparing a master plan that focuses on site facility improvement and expansion, circulation and connectivity improvements, as well as enhancements to multi-seasonal recreation and community spaces.

"We also have conducted engagement activities with the public and key stakeholders to build interest and collect comments on the vision, project prioritization and general feedback," said Elise Ouellette, intern landscape architect at Scatliff + Miller + Murray.

"Our approach to parks and open space is to build on qualities that make a place special, to improve neighbourhoods and contribute to the social and recreational life of communities."

The open house event aims to engage stakeholders and the public in an open, respectful conversation about a vision for the future of Quarry Park within park boundaries that balances various interests.

At the same time, the event aims to foster a greater understanding that Quarry Park is a beloved space for Stonewall's residents and visitors.

"We want them to have authorship in the renewal of this public space," Ouellette said.

"Attendees will have the opportunity to engage directly with members of Scatliff + Miller + Murray's project team, ask questions and provide feedback that will be documented to



The historic kiln restoration project is one of the enhancement projects being considered.

inform any future development."

Presentation boards will provide an overview of the project and conceptual drawings of what the park might look like in the future. Attendees will also have the chance to chat with representatives from the project team, and refreshments will be served.

The come-and-go format will allow attendees to review the presentation boards at their own pace, since there won't be any formal presentation. After they view the project boards, attendees can fill out an exit survey.

All information from the presentation will also be available through an online survey after the meeting.

"We are seeking to understand how anyone interested in the future of Quarry Park feels about the proposed vision of the park," Ouellette said.

"We also want to know what brings people in, why they come back to the park, what the park means to them, how their relationship to the park changes seasonally and what they believe to be priorities for the future of

the park."

Key changes being considered include enhancements to the baseball facilities and beach area, campground improvements and historic kiln restoration. Other ideas include improved connectivity to the community, accessibility and interpretive improvements, and enhancements to pedestrian activity through parking and access changes.

"Any future enhancements would be subject to further public engagement with stakeholders. At this time, any works to be completed in the park are subject to significant fund development," Ouellette said.

"After we have received feedback from the open house event, we will outline a logical and realistic phasing strategy for projects within the plan, integrating the phased campground redevelopment."

The presentation boards will also be posted on Town of Stonewall website (www.stonewall.ca) and linked to the survey, which will remain open for two weeks after the open house.

"The plan shouldn't be viewed in isolation but instead as part of the wider Town of Stonewall strategic planning initiatives. It represents a vision that speaks to a strong growing community that will require recreation facility development that exceeds the physical limitations of the park," Ouellette said.

"Recommendations after this engagement will be integrated into both the phasing strategy and ongoing town strategic planning activities."

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Three separate occurrences of drug smuggling at Stony Mountain Institution

Submitted by RCMP

Stonewall RCMP responded to three separate incidents of alleged drug smuggling into Stony Mountain Institution from May 22 to 30.

On May 22 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious person throwing items over the fence at Stony Mountain Institution.

Patrols were made and an officer located a vehicle and noticed a male outside near the fence surrounding Stony Mountain Institution. The male was arrested and several packages containing drugs were located on his person. When the officer attempted to place him in the rear of the police vehicle, he fled from police. With the assistance of an off-duty correctional officer, the male was safely placed in custody.

The packages contained over 300 prescription pills, 60 grams of methamphetamine, 85 grams of cannabis resin, also known as shatter, and cannabis.

Christopher Sinclair, 32, of Fairford has been charged with possession of a schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking, trafficking a Schedule I substance, resisting arrest and escape lawful custody. He was remanded into custody.

On May 25 at approximately 10:50 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of a drone flying outside Stony Mountain Institution.

The Correctional Service of Canada (CSC) located the drone, which had a package attached to it. RCMP attended and seized the items.

The package contained over 100 grams of cannabis, 230 grams of methamphetamine, 400 grams of shatter and 50 tablets of prescription medication.

No suspects have been arrested at this time and the investigation is ongoing.

Anyone with information on this incident is asked to call the Stonewall RCMP at 204-467-5015, Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-8477 or secure tip online at www.manitobacrimestoppers.com.

On May 30 at approximately 8:30 p.m., Stonewall RCMP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle near Stony Mountain Institution.

Three males were located and it was determined that they had thrown several packages over the fence into Stony Mountain Institution. The packages contained 150 grams of methamphetamine, 30 grams of fentanyl and 90 grams of shatter.



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The Correctional Service of Canada estimates that the institutional value of the drugs seized last week at Stony Mountain Institution are over 1.4 million dollars.

Terrance Goetz, 39, from the RM of St. Clements has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking a Schedule I substance, trafficking a Schedule I substance, obstruction and identity fraud.

Drew Lloyd, 37, of Selkirk has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking a Schedule I substance and trafficking a Schedule I substance.

Brendin Swanson, 36, of Oakbank has been charged with possession for the purpose of trafficking a Schedule I substance, trafficking a Schedule I substance, obstruction and identity fraud.

All three were remanded into custody.

"These were a significant amount of drugs that were intercepted before they made their way into Stony Mountain Institution," said Staff Sgt. Jason Vrooman, detachment commander of Stonewall/Headingley RCMP.

We were able to respond quickly due to good communication and a strong partnership with the Correctional Service of Canada. We will continue to work with CSC to stop the smuggling of illicit drugs into Stony Mountain Institution."

Stonewall industrial park getting fibre



TRIBUNE PHOTOS BY JO-ANNE PROCTER

Last week, Dig All Construction was laying cable for Valley Fiber Ltd.'s fibre optic lines in the Industrial Park on the east side of Stonewall. Fibre optic lines consist of up to hundreds of small strands of glass or plastic cables, each about one-tenth the size of a single human hair. Fibre internet transmits data using pulses of light that travel across fibre cables at speeds approaching the speed of light. Considering the difference in speed between both networks, fibre optic cables provide faster data transmission than wireless networks. While wireless networks can become slower during busy times, fibre optic connections remain strong, even during peak hours.

Bunge, Viterra announce merger plans

Staff

Bunge Ltd. and Viterra Ltd. are teaming up.

The two companies announced last week that they will be merging to create an "innovative global agribusiness company well positioned to meet the demands of increasingly complex markets and better serve farmers and end-customers."

The agreement, which was unanimously approved by both boards of directors, will see Viterra shareholders receive approximately 65.6 million shares of Bunge stock (valued at around US\$6.2 billion) and approximately \$2 billion in cash.

Bunge will assume \$9.8 billion of Viterra debt.

Viterra shareholders will own 30 per cent of the combined company when the transaction is complete and about 33 per cent after the completion of a \$2-billion repurchase plan by Bunge slated to take no more than 18 months.

"The combination of Bunge and Viterra significantly accelerates Bunge's strategy, building on our fundamental purpose to connect farmers to consumers to deliver essential food, feed and fuel to the world," Bunge CEO Greg Heckman said in a statement. "Our highly complementary asset footprints will create a network that connects the world's largest production regions to areas of fastest growing consumption, enhancing the geographical balance and adaptability of our global value chains and benefiting farmers and end-customers."

"In combining our highly complementary origination, processing and distribution networks, we are better positioned to meet the increasing demand for the food, feed and fuel products we offer," echoed Viterra CEO David Matiske.

"Together, we will play a leading role in the future of the agriculture industry, developing fully traceable, sustainable supply chains and moving towards carbon-neutral operations, while creating a strong growth platform for our combined business."

The merger is expected to close in mid-2024.

Town of Teulon looking for CAO after Glassco resigns

Staff

Teulon Town Council held its regular meeting on June 13.

Council received its 2022 audited financial statement for the year ending Dec. 31, 2022. The financial statements are available for inspection by any person at the municipal office during regular business hours and are also posted on the town's website.

Council awarded two projects. The first one was the tender for the replacement of the Teulon-Rockwood arena lift to Access Lifts & Elevators Ltd. in the amount of \$47,190.00. This project enhances accessibility at the arena for people who require this support to gain access to this facility.

The second project was the replacement of two lagoon valves to JFT Construction Ltd. in the amount of \$43,500. This project is a significant benefit to maintain the efficient operation of the lagoon, which is a significant community asset. Both projects came in under budget.

The town disposed of the following surplus equipment:

- 1993 Ford F700 s/a dump truck 6 cyl diesel.



TRIBUNE PHOTO BY EMMA MCGILL

Teulon council, left to right: Kirt Ansell, Robin Nishibata, Mayor Todd Campbell, Michael Hepples and Ted Hodgkinson.

447830 kms c/w Western Unimount 10' HW angle blade (\$3,500)

- 1990 Ford E350 Econoline cutaway cube van 14' Box, 8 cyl gas. 30,103 kms (\$2,600)

- Ferris IS 30002 zero-turn riding mower 25 hp Kawasaki 1608 hours c/w parts and operation manual (\$1,800)

- Mozart piano, made in Canada by Canadian Craftsman (no bids)

Council has now directed administration to dispose of any remaining surplus assets, as deemed appropriate.

The town is now looking for a new chief administrative officer, as Andrew Glassco resigned from his position on June 9. Glassco's last day with the town will be Aug. 4. Glassco was with the Town of Teulon for 3.5 years. The process to find his replacement is currently underway.

Indigenous and seniors healing garden coming to Stonewall

By Jennifer McFee

A new space to soothe the soul will soon be blossoming in Stonewall.

Communities in Bloom recently received a \$25,000 federal government grant, which the organization will use to create an Indigenous and seniors healing garden. This project is funded by the Government of Canada's New Horizons for Seniors Program.

More than 3,000 community-based projects across the country will receive funding this year through the New Horizons for Seniors Program, which represents a \$61-million federal government investment. The goal of the program is to support projects that help seniors stay active and engaged in the community.

The seeds for the local initiative stemmed from Stonewall resident Grace Schedler, who is a partner with Circles for Reconciliation.

Through her work with Circles for Reconciliation, a grassroots organization that aims to establish meaningful relationships between Indigenous and non-Indigenous people, Schedler

learned about national healing forests and gardens.

She brought forward the idea of creating a healing space in Stonewall to Mayor Sandra Smith, who encouraged Communities in Bloom members to get involved.

The Communities in Bloom group applied for a grant to create a healing garden that would focus on seniors and Indigenous people, while also offering an inclusive space for everyone to enjoy.

For Schedler, she envisions a space with orange and purple annuals, bringing to mind the topics of reconciliation and overdose awareness. She also suggests planting sage, sweetgrass, cedar, tobacco and mint, alongside signs to explain the significance of these plants to First Nations people.

"There are so many teachings when it comes to healing gardens. It's a safe place for people to sit and reflect. I think this could bring a conversation of what happened to the First Nations, Inuit and Métis people of this country," said Schedler, a member of God's Lake Narrows Cree Nation.

"First Nations people are very connected to the land. Our language and our teachings come from the land.

When I lived in God's Lake, that's exactly how we learned about life. I thought this green space would be so nice to admire and reflect. It's spiritual to connect with earth and the plants. It's also visually appealing and calming. With First Nations people, the first place we go to for healing is the land."

The project is also a good fit for Communities in Bloom, which aims to inspire a sustainable approach to improving quality of life and civic pride.

"A healing garden fit this description quite nicely," said Shelley Proven, co-chair of Communities in Bloom. "The heart of Communities in Bloom is also people working together in a combined effort to succeed at projects."

This project is a combined effort among multiple different groups, she added.

"The hope of the healing garden is that it will provide people time in nature that will help maintain and promote relationships," she said, "and create a peaceful space for people to visit."

The Indigenous and Seniors Healing Garden will be an extension of Stonewall's Memory Garden, and it will also feature trees, shrubs and seating.

The project will be underway in late summer or early fall, with the goal of completing it by the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Sept. 30.

Asta Johannesson, who co-chairs the Communities in Bloom committee along with Proven, said there's

always a benefit to increasing green spaces within a community.

"It makes Stonewall even more enjoyable and promotes tourism with our community. It creates an additional green space that helps individuals connect with nature," she said.

"It's rewarding that we are creating a healing garden that will help people connect to one another so that we all have a better understanding of each other. It's exciting to be a part of creating something that helps make our town more inclusive and, at the same time, makes it more beautiful and inviting."

Communities in Bloom is a national organization that partners with local governments to foster pride through sustainable best practices in community involvement, environmental awareness, beautification, heritage preservation, education and networking.

"It is completely run by volunteers, with the help of the Town of Stonewall," Johannesson said.

"Communities in Bloom has numerous exciting projects planned for the upcoming year."

Anyone interested in volunteering for Communities in Bloom can contact Asta Johannesson at astajohannesson@icloud.com or Shelley Proven at shelley.proven@gmail.com for more information.

To learn more about Circles for Reconciliation, or to get involved, visit www.circlesforreconciliation.ca or call toll-free 1-866-794-2017.

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RM of Woodlands council news in brief

By Autumn Fehr

Several staff changes were announced at the regular Woodlands council meeting on June 13. This month, Woodlands will welcome a few new members to the team.

After Kiefer Buchanan, the municipal emergency coordinator (MEC), handed in his letter of resignation effective May 30, 2023, the municipality started working with Napier Consulting to assist them in hiring a new MEC. Lori Schellekens will begin the MEC position effective June 5.

Council also hired Sharon Dorsch as planning clerk, effective June 19, subject to the terms outlined in the letter of offer.

In other council news :

Council gave third reading to the following bylaws:

- to designate a number for each lot in the area described as Twin Lakes Beach Road South and Surrounding Area.

- to establish a reserve fund for the mitigation and preparedness program.

- to provide for the non-union municipal employees respecting conditions of employment and benefits to

employees.

- to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the council and committees thereof.

Council gave first reading to bylaw No. 2771/23 to amend zoning bylaw No. 2648/14 to rezone lot two plan 66085 WLTO in Warren from "CG" commercial general to "RG" residential general.

- Council approved the Bell MTS municipal rights-of-way application, which the CAO is authorized to execute. The application proposes plowing 1-48 fibre on 2m road allowance along Road 81NW and Road 8W.

- Council will issue a letter of support for Valley Fiber's application for UBF funding.

- Council authorized Don Adamko to cut the grass along Road 79 between roads 3 and 1, Road 78 between roads 3 and 2, and Road 2 between Highway 323 (Road 80) and Highway 67 (Road 75). The grass must be cut and all bales removed by Aug. 31, after which the municipality may cut it as needed in preparation for winter.

- Council accepted the quote from JR Cousins Consulting for \$45,747 plus applicable taxes for the

Road 82N widening project.

- Council approved Ed Prystupa's application for an additional approach on his property, Lot A Plan 37145 WLTO, subject to obtaining a permit for the additional approach. Section 10 of the RM of Woodlands private approaches bylaw 2684/17 requires landowners wishing to have an additional approach in the rural area zone to apply for approval from the council.

- Council authorized Darryl Finbogason to rent the municipal multi-purpose building for the Selkirk-Interlake-Eastman Conservation Association to hold a James Bezan fundraiser thank-you barbecue on July 7 from 5 to 9 p.m. Council has approved liquor be allowed on the premises for the event, in accordance with any applicable requirements or permits by the Manitoba Liquor and Gaming Authority.

Rosser council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

- Council gave second and third readings to a bylaw to provide for administrative and procedural requirements for the application and enforcement of new buildings, occupancy, change of existing buildings and requirements for unsafe buildings.

- Council appointed Davinder Brar, Don Dowle and Lori Sheldon as designated officers, who will be able to enforce bylaws, provide provisions for inspections and remedy bylaw contraventions.

- The reeve and CAO will execute an early development and construction commencement agreement with CentrePort Canada Rail Park LP and Fastfrate.

- Council approved a culvert application from Sandbox Design and Construction for a culvert approach on Sage Drive in Phase 3 of BrookPort, subject to approval from administration and the municipal engineer. The applicant will be responsible for the cost of supplies and installation.

Rockwood council news in brief

By Jennifer McFee

A pair of entrepreneurs is hoping Rockwood council will say "I do" to a proposed wedding and social venue in Stony Mountain.

Jan-Willem Velen and Haydee Madlangaskay spoke to council about their dream of having an event venue on an existing property surrounded by scenic fields and trees. An existing outbuilding would be renovated for the business.

They would offer event co-ordination, catering and entertainment. They also noted that the proposed business would benefit the community by attracting visitors, supporting local businesses and providing employment opportunities.

In other council news:

- Council heard from Gunton residents who would like to vary the maximum accessory building area and maximum garage door height for a proposed garage/workshop on their property. They hope to vary the maximum building area to 1,500 square feet from the required 800 square feet. As well, they'd like to vary the maximum garage door height to 11 feet from the required 10 feet. The 7.67-acre property also includes a sin-

gle-family home and farmland.

In October, SIPD issued a conditional subdivision approval letter to the landowner for a proposed eight-lot subdivision. The garage/workshop would be located on a proposed 3.45-acre lot.

South Interlake Planning District noted that the proposed garage/workshop is significantly larger than what is typical in a lot in the residential single-family zone. However, the SIPD report notes that the proposed garage would not be uncharacteristically large for the size of the proposed lot. SIPD did not have any significant concerns with the requested variances.

- Council also considered a request to vary the minimum side yard to two feet from the required five feet for the construction of a 792-square-foot garage in Stony Mountain. The proposed garage would be located two feet from the north property line, and it would be used to store household and personal items. South Interlake Planning District didn't have any significant concerns with the variation request.

- In addition, council hosted a public hearing for zoning bylaw housekeeping amendments.



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Stonewall community cleanup set for June 24

By Jennifer McFee

Heroic Family Missions is pitching in to clean up the community this weekend, and they're welcoming others to join them.

Ventura Developments started the annual town cleanup years ago as part of their ongoing commitment to Stonewall, explained Allison Emmer of Heroic Family Missions.

"Over the years, we've partnered with them to complete several town cleanups and raise significant funding to help families," she said. "They've been an excellent partner."

Heroic Family Missions exists to equip families to do missions together, she added.

"We provide tools, training and op-

portunities to make that happen. This cleanup is one of those opportunities," Emmer said.

"It's an excellent way for families — and individuals of any age — to come together for a greater purpose. In this case, it's serving the community by picking up garbage."

All are welcome to attend the cleanup event, which will take place on Saturday, June 24. Participants will meet at the Stonewall Youth Drop-in at 9 a.m.

"We're inviting everyone to help out," Emmer said. "Even my husband, who's currently in a wheelchair, will be helping out."

Anyone who would like to be part

of the cleanup can get in touch with Allison Emmer at 204-872-3978 or Allison@HeroicFamilyMissions.com.

Anyone who would like to donate can go to HeroicFamilyMissions.com.

"This year, there are two families matching donations up to \$30,000," she said. "That triples the impact of every dollar contributed."

The goal of the initiative is two-fold, she noted. First, the cleanup event will keep Stonewall looking great.

"We're a beautiful town with amazing people," Emmer said. "We want it to shine for grad, summer tourism and so on."

The second goal is to raise funds to help local families.

"With matching dollars," Emmer said, "we can triple the impact on local families."

Tim Comack, vice-president of development for Ventura Land Company, also expressed appreciation for everyone involved in the community cleanup.

"We are very fortunate for the volunteerism that helps clean the community each year," he said.

"And we are excited our annual donation will be tripled thanks to those wonderful donation pledges."

Learn more about Heroic Family Missions at HeroicFamilyMissions.com.

4-H Manitoba announces recipients of Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship

Submitted

4-H Manitoba is pleased to announce the recipients of the 2023 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarships. The Manitoba Government generously established a \$1 million endowment fund with the Brandon Area Community Foundation, which provided \$42,500 for scholarships this year. Four current and former 4-H Manitoba members were selected to receive scholarships towards their post-secondary education.

"We congratulate the 2023 scholar-

ship recipients and wish them all the best in their education and future careers. 4-H members of today are tomorrow's future leaders," said Philip Fenez, President of 4-H Manitoba. "The calibre of scholarship applicants was exceptional. Our program is proud to support our members, enabling them to take future leadership roles in agriculture, environmental sustainability and their community as a whole."

4-H Manitoba's goal is to build leadership in youth and adults and enhance the development of life and leadership skills as youth "Learn To Do By Doing". "110 years ago, Canada's 4-H movement began here in Manitoba, paving the way for a long and successful history of opportuni-

ties for Manitoba's youth to develop leadership and communication skills while learning about agriculture and environmental sustainability," said Agriculture Minister Derek Johnson. "On behalf of the Manitoba government, I congratulate all of the 2023 scholarship recipients and extend my heartfelt wishes as they head toward a bright future in our province."

The Leaders of Tomorrow scholarships were awarded in honour and recognition of four long-serving leaders. The 2023 Leaders of Tomorrow Scholarship recipients are:

Cade Cruickshanks, University of Manitoba - \$12,500

In honour of Terry Woychyshyn of the Erickson 4-H Beef Club

Oksana Iwanchysko, University of Saskatchewan - \$10,000

In honour of Jeanette Richards of the Eddystone Combined 4-H Club

Halee Piasta, University of Manitoba - \$10,000

In honour of Barbara Marginet of the Holland Achievers 4-H Club


Megan Brunen, University of Winnipeg - \$10,000

In honour of Shirley McLaren of the Roland 4-H Home Ec Club


4-H is an international youth and volunteer organization that provides members with the resources and activities to build leadership and practical skills while learning about topics of their choice. Members choose a project and work with volunteer leaders to develop their skills related to their venture.

In Manitoba, there are more than 80 hands-on projects from which to select including gardening, food preservation, starting a business, sustainable living, small machines, fitness and more. Today, 1350 4-H members and 400 volunteers with strong partnerships with Manitoba Agriculture and Resource Development drive 4-H clubs in Manitoba.

For more information on 4-H Manitoba, visit <https://4h.mb.ca>



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Selkirk RCMP investigating fatal two-vehicle collision

Submitted

On June 15, at 11:40 a.m., Selkirk RCMP responded to a report of a two-vehicle collision on Highway 8, located approximately half a kilometre south of the intersection of Provincial Road 230 in the RM of St. Andrews.

Investigators have determined that a vehicle, being driven by a 73-year-old male from Stone-

wall, was driving southbound in the northbound lane when it collided head-on with a northbound vehicle, being driven by a 66-year-old male from the RM of Gimli.

Both drivers, who were sole occupants in the vehicles, were pronounced deceased on scene.

Selkirk RCMP, along with a forensic collision reconstructionist, continue to investigate.

Celebrating and honouring the Interlake School Division's retirees

Educators share their career stories and memories



Myles Blahut

Teulon Collegiate Institute

Myles Blahut has spent 38 years in the education system. He began his career in 1985 with the Lakeshore School Division. He taught grades 4, 6, and 7-12 math for 16 years at Lundar School, then spent three years as teaching principal at Ashern Early Years. Blahut has been with the Interlake School

Division for 19 years: two years as teaching principal at Brant-Argyle School, seven years as principal at Warren Elementary, five years as principal at Stony Mountain School, a two-year secondment to Manitoba Teachers' Society (chairperson of the Council of School Leaders), and has spent the last three years as principal of Teulon Collegiate.

His most memorable moments as principal have been seeing the oldest grades in his buildings move on and graduate and be involved in school and community-based events and celebrations. Blahut has also loved meeting former students and remembering moments that made their education more special, such as a bad joke, a unique handshake, a back-to-school card or a moment in sports or drama.

"As a teacher, education is our priority, but in my experience, it is these non-academic encounters that truly connect students with their school ex-

perience," said Blahut.

He will miss making connections with students and working with passionate staff that he's had the privilege of working with over the years.



**Susan Young
RW Bobby Bend**

Susan Young has been teaching at Ecole RW Bobby Bend (ERWBB) for 28 years. She graduated from Brandon University in 1992 and moved to the Interlake when her husband got a job at Ducks Unlimited's head office at Oak Hammock Marsh. Young

started at ERWBB in 1995 and has taught grades K-4.

She said she will miss the wonderful kids and staff at the school.

"My favourite part of teaching is that every day is different and never a dull moment," shares Young.



Lee Stewart

Warren Collegiate Institute

Lee Stewart has been teaching for 38 years with her first teaching position at James Valley in 1985. In that time, she taught in quite a few colony schools before settling in at Iberville Colony for

15 years. In 1997, the White Horse Plain School Division developed an interactive television system to allow Hutterian students to finish their high school without leaving their communities. Long before the pandemic, she taught remotely from a TV studio to 12 different locations.

In 2002, a position opened up at Warren Collegiate, and Stewart was eager to shorten her commute. She taught at WCI up until her retirement this June.

Stewart has had many memorable teaching experiences and she said it has been a great ride.

She explains that extra-curricular is by far the most demanding and the most rewarding time she has spent with students. Although it meant time away from family, no extra pay and something no other profession is expected to do, the time teachers spend outside the classroom with their students is often the most effective and

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the most rewarding.

The relationships she formed with students meant that she could connect with almost everyone, and discipline and classroom management were rarely an issue. Mutual respect was firmly established.

The thing Stewart will miss the most is the light in a student's eyes when they achieve their personal best, whether it is in sports or academics.

"Too often, we get discouraged at the state of the world today and the changes we've been forced to face, but I truly believe in the next generation and the parents and educators that are moulding them. The world is in good hands," she said.



**Mike Schoofs -
Stonewall Collegiate**

Mike Schoofs has worked in the education system for the last 33 years, having graduated with a bachelor of education in 1990. He has had the good fortune of teaching industrial arts/technology education, with many experiences in woodworking, electronics, power mechanics and metalwork for grades 9 through 12. Schoofs started his career in Minnedosa at Tanner's Crossing School. From there, he was employed in the St Boniface School Di-

vision for 10 years where, in addition to industrial arts, he was afforded the opportunity to also teach Grade 9 social studies. Along the way, Schoofs made stops at Portage Collegiate and Grant Park High School. He has anchored the metal shop at Collège Stonewall Collegiate for the last 21.5 years.

It was soon after starting at Stonewall that he realized his days of wandering were over as this was where he needed to be.

Schoofs said that memorable events are too numerous to list. However, the year he coached the powerhouse football team that won the 2008 Rural Manitoba Football Championship would certainly be top of the list. In addition, any time he could involve his students in community projects was also a highlight.

Of course, Schoofs will miss the friends and colleagues he's worked with over the years and that excitement students have always provided while working in the shop. Schoofs is looking forward to adventures that lay ahead.



**Terry Comeau
Ecole RW Bobby Bend**

Terry Comeau has worked with the Interlake School Division and at Ecole RW Bobby Bend school for 35 years.

She was hired in 1988 and

has taught grades 1, 2, a 1/2 split and Grade 4. She has many memorable and quite funny teaching experiences.

"One particular year, while teaching Grade 2, we made and flew kites in Quarry Park. The wind was just perfect and our Grade 2 class was able to lay down on the grass in Quarry Park, holding onto their kite strings. The kids were so calm and were amazed at their kites, swaying in the light breeze. Such a peaceful and lovely time — until a huge gust of wind picked up, pulling their kites into a large snarl. The kids started screaming and crying — and that was the end of the serene moment," shares Comeau.

She will miss the students the most. Through all the grades and the many changes in education over the years, the one thing that has always remained constant and the most important in her mind is the connection made with the students. Comeau has been fortunate to have taught many families and now the second generation of those same families. The connections made with her students and their families, seeing them develop and grow over the years, has been her most cherished memory.



**Laura Perrella
Warren Collegiate**

Laura Perrella has worked in the education system for 31 years, with 25 of them being for the Interlake School Division. She has worked at West Lynn Heights in Lynn Lake Manitoba, Teulon Collegiate, Brant-Argyle School and Warren Collegiate.

Perrella was the oldest of three girls, so she liked to be the teacher from a young age. Her father was in the Armed Forces, so her family moved around a lot. She believes this led to her craving change every few years. While teaching

in Lynn Lake, she had the experience of teaching grades 2, 3, 4, K-12 library, home-ec and grades 7-12 ELA. In a small school, you really have to diversify, just like the northern businesses, such as Ted's Boat and Motor, Flower and Ice-cream Shop.

When Perrella received her position at TCI, she was thrilled to be moving into a senior English position. In Lynn Lake, she was one of the senior teachers at age 28, but when she moved to Teulon, they called her the kid. She eventually moved into a resource position and, with encouragement from her principal, she took the ISD leadership course, led by Christine Penner. Perrella said Penner was incredibly inspiring and such a great role model, showing her the impact women could make in education.

When asked to share some of her favourite experiences, she said it was really hard to choose just one as there are many experiences she will hold dearly in her heart.

"I fondly remember starting each day at Brant-Argyle with a walk down the Prime Meridian Trail. I enjoyed the thoughtful conversations with kids, helping them to understand the world around them, all while breathing in the fresh air and firmly telling students to get down from the pine trees."

Another memorable experience was brought to us by COVID.

"During the pandemic, I was incredibly fortunate to work with so many creative people. I will never forget our drive-through graduation ceremony in the Meadow Lea Hall parking lot. The car ballet brought students to the front so they could cross a stage (trailer) in front of their peers. I love that the grads valued their peers and really wanted to be together," shares Perrella when asked about her favourite memories during her career.

Perrella said that she will miss the entire school community. She loves the way a community can come together for a common purpose.

"Our purpose is to educate the youth, but it's so much more than that. We are working to make good human be-

ings and, in the process, becoming better human beings ourselves. I'm a much better person today than the first day I started teaching because of all the interactions I've had with my students, colleagues and the entire community."

When Perrella taught English, she would always tell the students they are not a rock; every interaction they have with a piece of literature, a poem, a story or a book changes them in some way.

She will always be grateful for her time in education and all the wonderful people with whom she has had contact.



**Arlene Macduff
Stony Mountain**

Arlene Macduff has served 34 years with the Interlake School Division, and six of those have been with the Manitoba Teachers' Society's teacher-led learning team. She has worked at Stonewall Centennial, Woodlands, Grosse Isle and Stony Mountain schools, as a combination classroom teacher, teaching grades 1 to 6, teaching all subjects and specialties including phys-ed, art, music and French with a bit of Grade 7 math and health.

"I will definitely miss the excitement of learning alongside the students each and every day, but my most memorable teaching experiences have probably come through these last years with addressing learning through COVID online, in the gym with grades 1 and 2, then grades 5 and 6. I am in awe of the challenges that we faced, the lengths that we went through to make it through and the depth and breadth of the whole teaching and learning situations and circumstances," shares Macduff. "Truthfully, I am looking forward to a long and healthy retirement."

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Judy Szilagyi

Ecole Centennial School

Judy Szilagyi has been in the division for over 40 years. She took a few years off within that time to raise her children. In this time span, she taught Grade 2 at ERWBB, then junior high math and science in Balmoral, Grade 5 at Ecole Stonewall Centennial, followed by teaching human ecology for the past six years.

"I have lots of great memories, but the one that stands out the most is a student who was struggling in middle years who became an emergency doctor, and when I met her in her adult life, she thanked me for encouraging her and helping her overcome her struggles with school," she said.

"I have had the pleasure of meeting parents later in my career and fondly reminiscing about fun times their child had in grade school."

Szilagyi will really miss the staff and the excellent administrative assistants who made work so much fun. She will also miss the glowing anticipation on students' faces as they walked into the home ec lab to see what they would be cooking that day.

She looks forward to slowing down and spending quality time with her grandchildren as well as enjoying her many hobbies. She will reflect on a life well lived working in the Interlake School Division.

**Kim Anderson
Warren Elementary**

Kim Anderson has been an early years teacher for 28 years. Her career began with the Frontier School Division in 1992 when she was



Kim Anderson

hired to teach kindergarten in Berens River, where she worked for two years.

In 1995, Anderson was hired by the Interlake School Division to teach kindergarten at Warren Elementary School and has spent the last 26 years there teaching grades 2, 3 and 4.

Her most memorable teaching experience is a tough one to answer, as there have been so many. One that stands out in her mind is the millennium celebration at Warren Elementary with the opening of the new outdoor stage, trail and garden areas.

Another memorable experience was the transition to the balanced school day.

"Gone were the days with 15-minute recess breaks and hour-long lunches. The switch to three 100-minute blocks with two longer nutrition breaks proved to be a beneficial move for students and teachers. The school day flowed more smoothly and students were engaged for longer periods of time in their learning, often saying 'Is the day over already?'" said Anderson.

"But one cannot forget the spring of 2020; COVID, where the world paused. As educators, we had to change the way we delivered lessons in a hurry. What an education that was; learning so many different platforms in an extremely short period of time.

Maybe a grey hair or two emerged during that time! But teachers, students and parents persevered through it all. We all learned to adapt because of the mutual support, cooperation and resiliency we shared," she continues.

Anderson will miss the excitement and anticipation of a new school year, preparing for Christmas concerts, the special activity days, field trips, workshops, collaborating with colleagues and the sense of family they created in the school and in the classroom. She has had the great pleasure of teaching and collaborating with an amazing group of people, many who have become her lifelong friends. Most of all, she will miss the students; their laughter, their "light-bulb" moments, sharing their successes, watching them grow throughout the years and hearing about where life has taken them beyond high school.



**Cheryl Kooning
Ecole Centennial School**

Cheryl Kooning's journey in the education system spans over 37 years, a testament to her unwavering dedication and commitment to shaping young minds.

She began her teaching career in Gyp-

sumville, where she spent two years imparting knowledge to her students. Following this, Kooning moved on to the Interlake School Division where she settled in to her longest tenure of 34 years at Ecole Stonewall Centennial School and a one year stint at Ecole RW Bobby-Bend.

For Kooning, it was impossible to pinpoint just one most memorable event. She has undoubtedly witnessed countless heartwarming moments that have left a lasting impact on her. From witnessing the "a-ha" moments in students' faces when they finally grasp a new concept to coaching and seeing the thrill of success on an athlete's or team's face, she's had too many memorable experiences to count. She will always cherish the memory of how touched she was when she was nominated for the teacher of the year award by a principal and a parent, which was an honour beyond words.

Her extensive career in education is a testament not only to her passion for teaching but also the impact that teachers have on society as a whole — shaping future generations one student at a time.

Kooning is looking forward to her retirement and said she will miss the best colleagues a gal could ask for. Many long and strong friendships have been built in the ISD.

**Rene Comeault
Stonewall Collegiate**
Over the course of 35 years,



Rene Comeault

Rene Comeault dedicated his life to education in the Interlake School Division. He taught both math and physical education, as well as a bit of science and chemistry.

For the first six years of his career, he worked at Warren Elementary before moving onto Warren Collegiate for the next 25 years. His final four years were spent at Stonewall Collegiate.

Throughout his career, Comeault impacted countless students' lives through teaching and coaching sports teams. It brings him great joy when former students see him several years after graduation and they tell him they are still active because of their experiences from high school.

Over time, he built strong relationships with colleagues whom he will miss dearly in retirement and, through it all, he is grateful for the opportunity to help shape young minds throughout his long-standing career in education.

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Monarch butterflies benefit from milkweed-planting initiatives

By Jennifer McFee

Now that the planting season is in full bloom, gardeners might want to include milkweed in their green spaces.

Mission Monarch, run by the Space for Life Insectarium, is a community science program that gathers data about monarch butterfly and milkweed distribution. It's part of an international research and education effort that aims to save migratory populations of the monarch butterfly, which is an endangered species.

Stonewall resident Sydney Lockhart became inspired to get the word out about this program and encourage others to help save the species.

"Mission Monarch is very simple to take part in," she said. "You identify milkweed, which is the sole plant

monarchs need to survive, and you search for any presence of monarch life in any stage."

After your observation of the flowering plant, you can visit the Mission Monarch website (<https://www.mission-monarch.org>) and submit your findings to scientists, even if you don't find any presence of monarchs.

"This helps them map out where monarchs are migrating through North America as it has slowly changed course due to climate change," Lockhart added.

"I would encourage anyone to take part as it is a really interesting project to follow. You can look on a map on their website and see where observations have been done."

For Lockhart, an interest in butterflies began to set her heart aflutter at



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Sydney Lockhart planting milkweed that she grew from seed.

a young age.

"I have loved butterflies since I was a little kid. I always used to catch and release them on my lilac bush," she said.

"I started to become interested in saving monarchs after I heard a presentation that the Living Prairie Museum had this past winter. It really resonated with me and made me realize that I had the ability to help out."

In addition to encouraging everyone to watch for milkweed and monarchs, the local butterfly enthusiast is also planting milkweed in the community — and she hopes others will do the same.

"I am working with our local Communities in Bloom to plant milkweed in their gardens this year and I am starting milkweed seeds to plant on my own," said Lockhart, who even wears a "Plant More Milkweed" pin on her fanny pack.

"I have started about 30 milkweed plants so far and am planning on growing them in rounds throughout the spring and summer. I plan on planting them anywhere I can — my garden and tall grass ditches being a few. I am a member of REACT and we are also planning on having a milkweed-based initiative in the future."

Heather McDermid of REACT (Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce) said the organization bought 50 milkweed plugs

from Prairie Flora Greenhouse, which they gave away during Ruby Roe Tall Grass Prairie Day on June 17. All were invited to bring gloves to help with maintenance, take a guided tour and enjoy a free barbecue at the event.

"We're trying to encourage people to think about growing milkweed," McDermid said. "It's a primary source of food for the monarchs."

REACT will also co-ordinate with the Town of Stonewall, Communities in Bloom and the South Interlake Garden Club to plant milkweed around town, McDermid added.

Besides being beautiful to observe, monarch butterflies can provide clues about the overall health of the planet.

"Monarchs are like the canary in the coal mine of biodiversity. If they don't survive, many other bugs and plants won't either. It is just harder to get support for saving flies as they aren't as universally loved creatures," Lockhart said.

"Biodiversity is what sustains life on earth and keeps our environment functioning. Without insects like the monarch, our world will lose its pollinators and fail to function or maintain life."

Check out the Mission Monarch website at www.mission-monarch.org to learn more about monarchs, milkweed and the mission.

To learn more about REACT, visit www.reactinc.org or follow the organization on the Facebook page entitled "Rockwood Environmental Action Community Taskforce Inc."

To learn more about Communities in Bloom, contact Asta Johannesson at astajohannesson@icloud.com or Shelley Proven at shelley.proven@gmail.com for more information.



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Quarry Physiotherapy Stonewall hosted a complimentary barbecue last Friday to thank customers and the community for their continued support. The staff served up hamburgers, potato salad, chips and drinks and had a silver collection that raised \$725 for the Terry Fox Foundation. Pictured left to right: Beth Gutkin Roy, Stephanie Roerecki, Kyla Lenio-Slack, Torey Kirk and Scott Allan.

Rosewood Lodge gets a new TV



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Residents and staff of Rosewood Lodge Personal Care Home in Stonewall were very grateful to receive a 75-inch LG Smart TV and sound bar from the Stonewall & District Lions Club last Monday. Rosewood's existing TV quit working last week and the new entertainment unit came at a perfect time. The Lions fundraise throughout the year and make donations to community initiatives and help out with medical aid. They also donate to Lions Club International Foundation, which disperses money across the world as needed. For more information about the Stonewall and District Lions Club, which is always looking for new members, contact Len Kolenich at 204-781-7872. Pictured: Stonewall & District Lions member Bill Ridgeway and Rosewood Lodge's Sheryl Steinthorson-Taylor.

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Local woman receives Platinum Jubilee Medal for contributions to Métis community

By Jennifer McFee

A Stonewall woman is earning accolades for her contributions to the well-being of the Red River Métis community.

Mona Buors received a Queen Elizabeth II Platinum Jubilee Medal on June 4, the final day of the Red River Métis Extraordinary General Assembly.

The Manitoba platinum jubilee process focuses on community-mindedness, service and reconciliation.

Manitoba Métis Federation president David Chartrand nominated Buors for the honour.

Born and raised in St. Laurent, Buors is a Red River Métis citizen. She's been married to Jerry Buors for 47 years and was an educator in both official languages for 35 years, both in the Interlake and in British Columbia. She taught various subjects from kindergarten to Grade 12, and she also served as a high school counsellor to help students make career choices for post-secondary education. For the last 20 years of her career, she focused on Métis culture being integrated into as many subjects as possible.

Nine years ago, she retired from teaching and ran in the Manitoba Métis Federation provincial election. She

was acclaimed to represent the Red River Métis as a regional executive in the Interlake region.

"I represented the Interlake on the provincial management board for numerous years. When first elected to the cabinet, I was associate minister of health and associate minister of culture, heritage, sports and youth portfolio," she said.

"I was heavily involved in the 2017 Canada Games. MMF was co-host of the games and I was the lead organizing it. I was elected to my first term in 2014, and organizing the Canada Games to reflect our Métis culture and heritage was my first big challenge."

Buors is now serving her third term in office.

"For my second term and third term, I was assigned the portfolio minister of Métis child and family services. I consider it a great honour to be assigned that portfolio," she said.

"I'm also proud to serve all Métis citizens from the Interlake region as an executive officer for the region."

In addition, Buors has spent countless hours on volunteer boards, including for Pemmican Publications. She has translated many books, particularly for Métis authors, and she is



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Mona Buors, second from left, received a Platinum Jubilee Medal on June 4 for her contributions to the Métis community.

also a Métis language facilitator for the Indigenous Language Development Institute.

Although Buors now lives in Stonewall, she maintains strong ties to the St. Laurent community and the lifelong lessons she learned there.

"I graduated from St. Laurent Collegiate from a class of 42 students. My mom and most of my family and friends are still living in St. Laurent. My parents, Frankie and Marcelline Bruce, taught us many important values, one of them being to always respect my elders," she said.

"For example, give up your seat if they need one. Make sure they are served before you serve yourself. These are just a few important values

that have been instilled in me. I have passed on these traditions and values to my children and grandchildren. Never forget where you've been and where you come from. Be humble and proud."

Buors is one of 41 Red River Métis citizens who received the Platinum Jubilee Award. MMF president David Chartrand nominated 40 of the recipients. Chartrand was also honoured at the request of Premier Heather Stefanson.

Other Interlake recipients include Bev Webb, Barbara Lavallee, Jack Park, Alfred Anderson and Morgan Ginther. They were recognized for their various contributions to the Red River Métis community.



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Teulon junior and senior bands' year-end celebration



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Band director Erin Fenske conducted the junior and senior bands of Teulon Collegiate on June 7 in their showcase of the skills they've built and the instrumentals they've worked hard on this school year. Pictured clockwise, from top left: Graduating students Kean Sarb, Maisey Williams and Madison Brandy with band director Erin Fenske; senior band members stand proudly while the audience gives their applause after hearing a thrilling rendition of The Lord of The Rings: Fellowship of the Ring by Howard Shore, arranged by Ralph Ford; a sentimental speech was given by graduating student Madison Brady, who held back tears as she gave her praise for all that the Teulon band program and the arts have given her to guide her throughout her high school experience.



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Stonewall Collegiate educators win MHSAA sport coaching awards

By Brian Bowman/MHSAA

Stonewall Collegiate teachers were big winners as the Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association presented their annual High School Coaching Awards Monday at its annual general meeting, which was held in Brandon.

SCI's Christy Steeves was presented with the Nick Laping Leadership Award. It was a very well-deserved honour.

"I was surprised but it was greatly appreciated and the fact it was for leadership and those types of things (was great)," said Steeves. "The Laping family created that award. Their father was highly involved in the basketball community and that's one of the sports that I'm associated with and they obviously do a lot for their community as well. It was just nice to be recognized with that — it was very much appreciated."

Steeves has been teaching and coaching at Collège Stonewall Collegiate for 22 years. She has been an integral part of the Stonewall physical education program and a huge part of developing and coaching a variety of the athletic programs the school has to offer. She has coached volleyball, basketball (both girls and boys) and track and field at her time in Stonewall.

Steeves has put in countless hours of volunteer time over the years

"It comes down to the fact that there is a need for it and I want to be involved in it," said Steeves. "I like to step up and do it. I enjoy coaching and seeing the development of an athlete. I like to see them take part in sport. I learned a lot from being an athlete and I think there are a lot of life skills involved along with enjoying it and having fun. Just being part of a team is huge."

Steeves has also been an integral part of Zone 5 and Zone 3 athletics, has served many terms on the MHSAA board of directors, has run the MHSAA Captains Leadership Workshop for student captains of high school sports teams where she taught them the leadership skills needed to have successful seasons.

She has also ran the MHSAA's inaugural Safe Sport Champions Workshop this past February, and leads the Link Leaders program at Stonewall where she helps older students learn the leadership skills to be positive role models for the younger students



Stonewall Collegiate's Rene Comeault, right, accepts his 2023 Grey Cup Legacy Male High School Coach of the Year award from Sport Manitoba's Kyle Harris.



Stonewall Collegiate's Christy Steeves, middle, receives the MHSAA Nick Laping Leadership Award from Bev and Jeff Laping.

in the school. This group is responsible for orienting the Grade 9 students in the early days of their high school experience at Collège Stonewall Collegiate.

Steeves has a passion for coaching basketball, and this has been evident in her commitment to coaching many basketball teams over the years at Stonewall. Some years she has even coached both the school's junior varsity girls and varsity girls' teams so they would have a coach to play. Over the last two years she has also coached and developed the rural TAP (Targeted Athlete Program) East program through Basketball Manitoba giving rural athletes from the region and community the opportunity to develop their basketball skills and compete in spring tournaments.

She has served as a basketball referee, hosted provincial championships, tournaments, and conference play-offs over the years. Her commitment and dedication to high school sport is incomparable, and the dedication shows in the success of the programs she is a part of.

Steeves is an outstanding role model for students, student teachers, her colleagues and other coaches and females in sport. She leads by example

seamlessly, is very composed, and she has a presence that brings out the best in the athletes she works with. She is someone who displays integrity, hard work, and class in everything she is involved with and is a true example of a leader.

Steeves has now started her administration journey as a vice-principal at Collège Stonewall Collegiate, while she is still actively coaching and teaching some phys-ed classes.

Meanwhile, the 2023 Grey Cup Legacy Male High School Coach of the Year was awarded to Rene Comeault of Stonewall Collegiate.

The prestigious award is a great way to cap off a stellar teaching/coaching career as Comeault is retiring at the end of the school year.

"It was very unexpected but I'm very thankful for the acknowledgement," Comeault said. "I went into this business 35 years ago without really any kind of expectations for recognition like that. I went into coaching because I had a great experience as a kid and I loved doing it."

Comeault has been actively involved in high school sport from the minute he stepped on the stage in Warren. When the application crossed the desk of Mr. Gladwyn Scott, he

knew that hiring Comeault would bring a dedicated coach, teacher, and community member to the Interlake School Division.

During Comeault's tenure in the Interlake School Division, he has been a huge part of the athletics programs at Warren Elementary, Warren Collegiate and, most recently, at Collège Stonewall Collegiate. Throughout his 35-year career, Comeault has coached multiple sports. Most of Comeault's time coaching has come in the areas of cross country, track and field, badminton and hockey.

He has taught, coached — and impacted — a lot of individuals over the years.

"That's the most rewarding part of the job," said Comeault. "Having students come through the years after they graduate and tell me that they enjoyed my classes and they had great experiences as athletes. Some of them have carried on and ran their first marathon and just being active because of some of the things that we did in school — I find that very rewarding. The reason that I got into it in the first place was to give back

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Blue Jays Baseball Academy coming to Selkirk next month

Staff

The Blue Jays Baseball Academy will be traveling to Manitoba from July 4-7, hosting a number of youth baseball related events that include instructional clinics, a girls' clinic, Rally Cap clinic, Canadian Futures Showcase tryout and a Challenger Baseball Game.

The Blue Jays Baseball Academy will be hosting a one day, four-hour Instructional Clinics for beginner baseball players aged 8-13.

On July 5, the clinic will be held at the Rotary Republic Park in Portage la Prairie.

The next day, it will be held at the Selkirk Recreation Centre.

The clinics, which will begin at 10 a.m. and wrap up at 2 p.m., will cost \$89 (plus HST).

To register, visit <https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/baseball-academy/academy-week/winnipeg>.

A one-day, three-hour girls' clinic for kids aged 7-15 will take place July 4 from 9 a.m. to noon at Shaw Park in



Winnipeg.

This event resembles an Instructional Clinic, with a focus on welcoming those who identify as a girl.

Cost is \$49 (plus HST).

To register, visit <https://www.mlb.com/bluejays/community/baseball-academy/academy-week/winnipeg>.

The Blue Jays Baseball Academy will also be hosting a Showcase tryout on July 4 at 2 p.m. at Shaw Park.

The goal is to provide a showcase opportunity for the best amateur baseball players born in Canada, with draft and college eligibility.

It acts to centralize the best Canadian baseball players, with the intention of exposing them to as many MLB scouts and college recruiters as possible.

In September, a national amateur baseball showcase will be held at Rogers Centre in Toronto, hosted by

the Blue Jays Baseball Academy.

The tryout, open to players aged 14-19 as of Sept. 1, 2023, will cost \$110 (plus HST).

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The Blue Jays Baseball Academy will also be hosting a Challenger Baseball Game on July 5 at 2:30 p.m. in Portage la Prairie.

To register for this event, please contact your local challenger league or email baseball.academy@bluejays.com. There is no cost to attend this event.

Lastly, as part of the 2022 #RallyCapsOn contest, Rosenort Minor Baseball was selected as the winner of a 2023 Blue Jays Youth Baseball Clinic for their association which will take place on July 7 from 10 a.m. to noon.

It will be a free baseball clinic for Rosenort Rally Cap players.

To register for the clinic, please reach out to Rosenort Minor Baseball.

> MHSAA SPORT COACHING AWARDS, FROM PG. 18

some of the experiences that I had as a high school student. I was extremely thankful for the coaches that I had."

Comeault's teams have captured numerous provincial championships in both cross country and track and field.

Comeault has also volunteered to convene multiple MHSAA provincial championships events. He has also acted as a valuable member of Zone 5 athletics, where he has served as the treasurer in most recent years and convener for multiple zone championships.

Comeault's work does not stop at the doors of the school. He has served the community of Stonewall by volunteering countless hours; coaching hockey, softball and creating a community track and field program. Comeault has also given back in the capacity as an official. He has refereed hockey and volleyball and umpired baseball and softball.

The MHSAA handed out other awards on Monday.

Receiving certificates of recognition from the MHSAA for their outstanding contribution to high school sport were Jaqueline McDonald (Garden City Collegiate), Russ Harder (Glenlawn Collegiate), Jason Jones (Vincent Massey High School) and Marni Zamzow (Swan Valley Regional Secondary School).

Other award winners included:

Ron Limpright of Niverville High School was presented the Frank L. McKinnon Award for his outstanding volunteerism in high school sport.

The 2023 Grey Cup Legacy Female High School Coach of the Year was awarded to Mandy Wolfe of Vincent Massey Collegiate in Winnipeg.

Over 150 teachers, coaches and administrators convened in Brandon this past Monday and Tuesday to attend the MHSAA's 61st annual general meeting to discuss policies and philoso-

phies pertaining to high school sport in Manitoba.

The Manitoba High Schools Athletic Association is a voluntary not-for-profit organization, which comprises over 200 senior high schools from across the province.

Over 35,000 student-athletes and nearly 5,000 volunteer coaches are involved with the association. The association receives funding through Sport Manitoba, corporate partners, membership fees and other general revenue.

The MHSAA is based on the tremendous support of volunteers, teachers, coaches, corporate sector, media and various other stakeholders interested in the promotion of school sport. The MHSAA annually recognizes the contribution of such individuals and presents certificates of recognition.

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Stonewall Teulon Tribune

Oliver named Developmental Coach of the Year

By Brian Bowman

Tyler Oliver was named the Developmental Coach of the Year at the 2023 Volleyball Manitoba Awards & Hall of Fame Banquet on June 11 at the Canad Inns Destination Centre Polo Park.

It was a celebration recognizing some of our outstanding athletes, coaches, volunteers and officials.

Oliver coached the 14U Dynamo Flames this past season and they won a lot of volleyball games.

"I guess to me it means I had an amazing team and assistant coaches," said Oliver in an email. "I don't feel I would get that recognition without having amazing athletes and competitors. It is nice to be recognized with the award as there was lots of time out into the game. We had a very successful season and we're looking forward to the next one."

At the banquet, Volleyball Manitoba recognized all provincial champions from this past year, all-stars and MVP's, national medalists, the age-class players of the year from each age category as well as the Cheryl Cable, Mark Tennant, Wezer Bridle Golden Whistle and Mary Jean England Coach Awards, among others.

The evening was capped off with the Volleyball Manitoba Hall of Fame inductions, which included Mitch Davidson (builder) and Toon van Lankvelt (athlete).

Here are the other major award winners:

2023 Volleyball Manitoba Players of the Year:

- 15U Girls Player of the Year Am-ani Igboba (Jr. Bison Gold)
- 15U Boys Player of the Year Logan Barnabe (204 Gold)
- 16U Girls Player of the Year Anna Filippin-Buller (Jr. Bison Gold)
- 16U Boys Player of the Year Nico Nadeau (WinMan Wolves)
- 17U Girls Player of the Year Sienna Driedger (Jr. Bison)
- 17U Boys Player of the Year Owen Weekes (Jr. Bison)
- 18U Girls Player of the Year Naomi Unger (Jr. Bison)
- 18U Boys Player of the Year Boston Thiessen (Jr. Bison)

Mark Tennant and Cheryl Cable Awards for the Junior (20U) Players of the Year:

- Cheryl Cable Memorial Award Recipient Raya Surinx (University of Manitoba)
- Mark Tennant Award Recipient Jordon Heppner (University of Manitoba)

Mary Jean England Awards – Elite and Developmental Coaches of the Year:

- Elite Coach of the Year Kelly Bowen (WinMan Wolves 16U Boys)
- Elite Coach of the Year Jake Rogers (Jr. Bison 17U Boys)
- Wezer Bridle Golden Whistle Award

– Referee of the Year:

- Roy Rodriguez
Volleyball Manitoba Volunteer of the Year:

- Andrei Halkewycz
Nikki Redekop Memorial Scholarship Recipients:

- Kaiya Krahn (Jr. Bison 18U Girls, Vincent Massey Collegiate)
- Dylan Martens (204 Gold 18U Boys, Westgate Mennonite Collegiate)
- Ryan DeGroot (ACC Cougars 18U Girls, Vincent Massey High School)

Teams of the Year:

- Indoor – Jr. Bison 17U Boys
- Beach – Taylor Labossiere/Julia Martens

2023 Provincial Champions and National Medalists:

- 13U Girls 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Bison Gold
- 13U Boys 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Pilots 13U
- 14U Girls 2023 Tier 2 Provincial Champions – Swan Valley Smash
- 14U Girls 2023 Tier 1 Provincial Champions – Dynamo Flames 14U
- 14U Girls 2023 National Silver Medalists – Jr. Bison Gold
- 14U Boys 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Pilots 14U
- 15U Girls 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Bison Gold
- 15U Boys 2023 Provincial Champions – 204 Gold
- 16U Girls 2023 Provincial Champi-



Tyler Oliver

- ons – Jr. Bison Gold
- 16U Boys 2023 Provincial Champions & National Bronze Medalists – WinMan Wolves
- 17U Girls 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Bison
- 17U Boys 2023 Provincial & National Champions – Jr. Bison
- 18U Girls 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Bison
- 18U Boys 2023 Provincial Champions – Jr. Bison

In total, 212 teams competed at the provincial championships this year over three weekends in April and May.

Phillies' teams hit the diamond

Staff

The Interlake Phillies crushed the Manitoba Thunder 13-5 in U17 AAA action last Wednesday at Quarry Park.

Interlake (4-12) was scheduled to play a doubleheader with the Smitty's Terminators on Saturday but that was postponed.

In U19 play, the Eastman Phillies (1-17) were defeated 11-4 by Central Energy on Saturday.

Last Friday, the Phillies were downed 8-2 by the Westman Magic.

The U15 Phillies, meanwhile, swept Smitty's in a doubleheader on Saturday, winning 9-6 and 13-2. They are now 10-6 in league play.

Interlake's U13 squad (11-7) pounded the Manitoba Angels 15-5 and 15-2 on Sunday.

Last Saturday, Interlake beat Smitty's 8-7 and 9-3.



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The Interlake Phillies' U17 player Mia Cassils gets a good look at a pitch against the Manitoba Thunder last Wednesday. Interlake won the game 13-5.

Interlake Blue Jays blast Winnipeg South

By Brian Bowman

The Interlake Blue Jays took advantage of a struggling Winnipeg South Wolves' team last Friday at Quarry Park.

Interlake completely dominated the last-place Wolves 10-0 in Manitoba Junior Baseball League action.

"They played well. They didn't make a lot of errors and they just played the game well," said Blue Jays' head coach Dave Meyers. "It was good. In the games before, we had been making a lot of mistakes."

But it was, by far, not a perfect week.

Last Wednesday, the Blue Jays were defeated 11-1 by the St. Boniface Legionaires.

"There were seven or eight errors in that game for us," Meyers lamented. "It was terrible — we played terrible. If you make errors in this league, then they turn around and bite you. That's kind of what it was."

Interlake, now 8-8 and in fifth place, will visit the Altona Bisons on Wednesday (7:30 p.m.) and the Carillon Sultans Friday (7 p.m.) before

hosting the Elmwood Giants in a doubleheader on Sunday at Quarry Park.

Games are scheduled to start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

It's a busy — and important week — for the Blue Jays.

"I have to figure out my pitching staff for this week," Meyers said. "I have to have my best going, on and off, and hopefully things work out in Altona and I have everybody available for the weekend."

The Stonewall Blue Jays, meanwhile, had a great couple of games last week, blasting the St. Boniface Brewers 12-0 on June 12 and then outscoring the Springfield Sr. Braves 12-8 the following evening.

Stonewall, now 3-5, played the Carillon Sultans this past Tuesday but no score was available. The Blue Jays will take on the South Winnipeg Longhorns on Thursday (7:30 p.m.) at Charleswood Park and then will host the West Winnipeg A's Saturday. The time of the A's game was not posted on the league website at press time.



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The Interlake Blue Jays' Kaden Stewart waits for the ball while a St. Boniface player slides into the base during Manitoba Junior Baseball League action last Wednesday at Quarry Park.

In U18 AAA action, the Interlake Orioles had a doubleheader with the Brandon Marlins last Saturday. Brandon won 12-4 in Game 1 but the other score was not known.

Interlake will host the Elmwood Giants at Atree Field on Thursday (6:30

p.m.) and the Carillon Sultans Friday (7 p.m.) at Quarry Park.

On Sunday, the Orioles will play a road doubleheader against Pembina Hills. Games will start at 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.

United edged by Southside FC

Staff

Stonewall United was defeated 4-3 by Southside FC in Manitoba Major Soccer League 4th Division action last Thursday.

Stonewall goals were scored by Kevin Penner (two) and Chris Wiebe.

Jadon Jackson, Matthew Labdon, Chris Sale and Jordan Michaelski re-

plied for Southside FC.

With the loss, Stonewall is now 1-3 on the season. The United played United Weston FC this past Monday but no score was available.

Stonewall won't play again until June 30 when it takes on the Interlake Impact at the Buhler Recreation Park. Game time is 7 p.m.

St. Laurent wins gold



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The St. Laurent U15 soccer team recently won gold at a Gimli tournament. St. Laurent defeated Gimli B 5-1, tied Morweena 2 1-1, played to a 2-2 draw with Fisher Branch, and then shut out Teulon 3-0. In the semifinals, St. Laurent downed Gimli A 3-1 before edging Morweena 3-2 in overtime to win gold. Kenyon Boudreau scored the overtime game winner.

Silver medallists



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The Warren U17 Wildcats won silver at the Steinbach Storm tournament earlier this month. Pictured, left to right, back row: Crystal Bergthorson (coach), Mikayla Breton, Gabby Noren, Teagan Price, Natalie Bergthorson, Grace Stewart, Thalissa Lavallee Thang, Jaret Thiessen (coach); front row: Tasha Thiessen, Sadie Walsh, Bre-Ann Windross and Avery Reed.

get inspired

> MEAL IDEAS

RED RIVER CO-OP FOOD STORE

Apples and Pesto Farfalle

2 Envy Apples, diced
 1 bunch chives, thinly sliced
 1 block Parmesan
 20 shrimp
 2 tablespoons canola oil
 1 1/2 teaspoons coarse pepper
 Cook pasta in salted boiling water until just tender. Drain and toss gently with olive oil, to taste, then set aside.

In food processor, pulse parsley leaves, almonds, shredded Parmesan, 2 teaspoons kosher salt, lemon juice and cracked pepper. Once pulsed, turn processor on high and drizzle in 1/3 cup olive oil until well incorporated.

Toss pasta with fresh pesto until well coated. Fold in peas, apples and chives. Using peeler, shave thin slices off Parmesan block over pasta for garnish.

Preheat grill or grill pan over high heat.

Toss shrimp in canola oil, 1 1/2 teaspoons salt and coarse pepper. Grill 2 minutes on each side, or until charred slightly. Spread evenly over pasta and serve.



1 pound farfalle pasta
 3 1/2 teaspoons kosher salt, plus additional for cooking pasta, divided
 1/3 cup extra-virgin olive oil, plus additional for cooking pasta, to taste, divided
 1 bunch parsley leaves
 1 cup toasted almonds
 1 cup shredded Parmesan
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 30 turns fresh cracked pepper
 2 cups cooked peas



Crisp Apple Tacos

2 tablespoons sour cream
 1 lime, cut into wedges
 Slice half of one apple into thick wedges; reserve. Slice remaining half into thin sticks; reserve. Slice second apple into thin wedges; reserve.

Cut pork crosswise into 1-inch round medallions. Coat pork medallions with olive oil, salt and pepper then add to saucepan over medium heat. Add thick apple wedges to saucepan.

Add rosemary to saucepan and cook 2-3 minutes. Flip pork and cook 2-3 minutes until pork is slightly golden and cooked through.

Let pork rest 3 minutes then slice into strips.

In serving bowl, toss thin apple sticks, carrots, red cabbage and green cabbage. Mix honey, mayonnaise, mustard and vinegar. Add salt and pepper, to taste.

Mix dressing and cabbage; refrigerate at least 1 hour prior to serving.

Top tortillas with pork, slaw, sour cream and squeezes of lime. Top with thin apple wedges.

2 Envy Apples
 1/2 pound pork tenderloin
 3 tablespoons olive oil
 1 teaspoon salt
 1 teaspoon pepper
 3 rosemary sprigs
 1/2 cup shredded carrots
 1/2 cup shredded red cabbage
 1 cup shredded green cabbage
 4 tablespoons honey
 1 cup mayonnaise
 1 tablespoon mustard
 1 tablespoon white vinegar
 salt, to taste
 pepper, to taste
 12 tortillas

Learning to say "No"



By Gwen Randall

"You have to decide what your highest priorities are and have the courage -- pleasantly, smilingly, non-apologetically -- to say "no" to other things. And the way you do that is by having a bigger "yes" burning inside."

- Stephen Covey

These days everyone seems to be stretched for time. Even with multi-tasking, it seems there is never time to do all we need or want to do. For some, this problem is exacerbated because they have a hard time saying "no" to the requests, demands or expectations of others.

This is a very common problem clients have brought to me over the years. There are many reasons a person struggles with having to say "no" to requests. Some are self-described people pleasers. They care what others think and never want to risk disappointing anyone. Some assume if they refuse a request the asker will be mad. Still others say that they feel guilty if they do not want to do what was asked of them.

While it is well and good to be the one others can depend on, and to be counted on to lend a helping hand, this can quickly get out of control. If you find yourself running just to keep up, or if your family is complaining that they never see you, it is time to re-assess what you are doing.

If you are always available every time someone calls on you, then

they will assume they can expect you will always be there when they need you. They will not respect your time, or the fact that you too have a life, with plenty of your own things to do.

A good rule of thumb might be that unless it is an emergency, if you already have plans, you do not drop what you are doing to go and do something for another. If you want to help, then discuss a time that would work for you.

If it is social obligations that keep you hopping, look realistically at your life commitments and demands, and decide just how much time you want to devote to these.

It is perfectly okay to turn down some invitations because you have other plans, even if that plan is simply to take some alone time soaking in the tub, or spending time with your children.

Think of time as if it were money. Would you give money to everyone who asks?

Billionaires could do this as they have an endless supply of money. However even they say "no" a lot.

None of us has an endless supply of time. It is not selfish to prioritize it. Just saying, "My plate is full. I cannot take on anything else at this time" is all that need be said. You do not have to explain why.

If the demands of others are causing you stress, remember that you are the one in control of scheduling your time. Stress is not good for health or relationships, so once in a while we just have to slow it all down.

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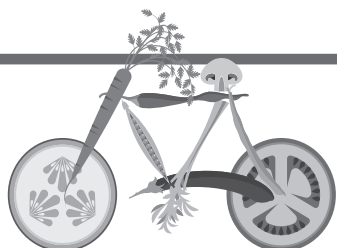
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 cooked bacon
 bananas, sliced
 berries
 miniature pancakes
 edible flowers, for garnish
 2-3 Envy Apples, for garnish

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Sudoku Answer

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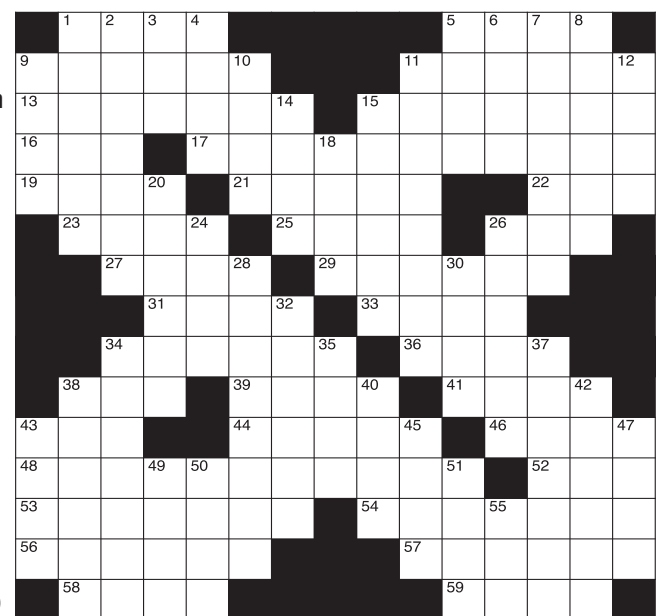
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Understand intuitively
5. Two of something
9. Not involving computer tech
11. Acclaimed
13. Undermine
15. The condition of being concealed or hidden
16. Irritate
17. The process of developing a theory
19. Ceramic jar
21. Not fresh
22. Dad's fashion accessory
23. Popular review site
25. New Mexico county
26. '___ death do us part
27. Fees
29. Takes with force
31. One-time Yankees rookie sensation
33. Gordon and Snider are two
34. Body parts
36. Arranges
38. Fiddler crabs
39. Mimics
41. Witnesses
43. They ___
44. Lasso
46. Runs down
48. In response to
52. Bird-like dinosaur
53. Metamorphic stages
54. Conditions of incapacity
56. Sodas are sold in these units
57. Break away from
58. Ethereal
59. Buggy

CLUES DOWN

1. Mangled



2. Ruffled some feathers
3. Not young
4. Lakers legend
5. Nocturnal S. American rodent
6. Direction (Scottish)
7. Intestinal inflammation
8. Spring back in fear
9. Owl genus
10. Girls
11. Unbeliefs
12. Force unit
14. Expired trade agreement
15. Went alone
18. Animal noises
20. Woman who graduated from a specific school
24. The very top
26. Organs in males

28. Earnings
30. Z Z Z
32. Reddish browns
34. A salt or ester of acetic acid
35. A place to get off your feet
37. More disreputable
38. Kidney condition
40. Cease moving
42. Quick
43. Extra seed covering
45. "Survivor: Panama" winner
47. Six
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50. Small parrot
51. Primordial matter of the universe
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Coordinator

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Reporting to the SAMS Committee, the Coordinator will perform the duties and responsibilities necessary to supervise and organize handi-transit services for the area based on the needs of the entire region.

Applicants must have strong administrative skills, exceptional customer service skills, and the ability to positively interact with clients and the Committee. Proficiency in Microsoft Office is required. A background in logistics or dispatch would be considered an asset.

Remuneration will be commensurate with education, qualifications, and experience. The position includes an excellent employee benefits package.

A detailed Job Description is available at www.stonewall.ca

Qualified persons are invited to submit a detailed resume including three references, **marked SAMS Coordinator**, to the undersigned.

Town of Stonewall

Attention: Jennifer Smith

jennifer@stonewall.ca

293 Main Street, Box 250

Stonewall, MB R0C 2Z0

Deadline for applications: 4:00 PM on June 30, 2023

Start date: as soon as possible

We thank all applicants, however only those granted an interview will be contacted.



TOWN OF STONEWALL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

CASUAL ANIMAL CONTROL ASSISTANT

The Town of Stonewall invites qualified individuals to apply for the position of Animal Control Assistant.

Under contract of the Town, the Animal Control Assistant will be responsible for delivering and picking up animal traps from residents and transporting unclaimed animals to the Poundkeeper or the Veterinarian.

The preferred applicant will have strong communications skills, exceptional customer service skills, and the ability to positively interact with staff and residents. Applicants must have, or be willing to obtain, a current rabies vaccination. Experience in animal control would be considered an asset.

Compensation to be negotiated. Must have valid drivers' license and own vehicle.

Please note: the services that this position provides for the Town is on an on-call basis. The successful candidate would be required to have a flexible schedule to accommodate calls.

Procedure for Applying

Qualified Applicants are invited to submit a cover letter summarizing relevant experience, a resume, plus three (3) references to:

Town of Stonewall

Attention: Wally Melnyk

Email: ashleym@stonewall.ca

SUBJECT: ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

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Deadline for applications: 4:00 PM on Monday, June 26, 2023

Start date: as soon as possible

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Justin and Lily**

CARD OF THANKS

We would like to say thank you for all the expressions of sympathy received in the loss of our Mum and Nama, Mary Ann. The cards and messages, along with the food and flowers, were greatly appreciated. Sincere thanks to Dr. Hicks and the staff of Rosewood Lodge for the care, respect and compassion shown to my Mum the last two years. Thank you to the Stonewall Legion Branch #52 for the use of the hall and club rooms and for the lunch. Thank you to Shirley Williams for conducting the service and helping us honour Mum. Finally, thank you to Ken Loehmer for his guidance and compassion during this sad time.

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The Town of Teulon invites applications for the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)

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Key responsibilities of the position include:

- Direct the general administrative affairs of the Municipality and perform all duties and responsibilities in accordance with The Municipal Act
- Recommend objectives, policies and programs to Council and provide support and advice on new initiatives and fiscal matters
- Direct the implementation and monitor the progress of policies and programs approved by Council
- Recruit and develop all municipal employees, and develop a plan to attract and retain quality employees
- Provide responsible financial planning and management of a budget of \$3 million
- Facilitate economic development within the Municipality
- Develop positive relationships and maintain open communication with all stakeholders and constituencies of interest to the Municipality
- Completion of the Certificate in Manitoba Municipal Administration (CMMA) would be preferred

Ideally, you will possess technical skills and experience in municipal administration, financial management, human resource management and economic development. Strong communication, analytical and leadership skills are just some of the requirements of the position. Candidates who have post-secondary education in a relevant discipline bring an educational advantage to the position.

A complete job description is available on our website www.teulon.ca. The Town of Teulon is located in the Interlake and has a population of 1,196. The successful candidate can expect a comprehensive salary and benefits package.

Individuals interested in this position should email a resume, a cover letter including salary expectations, and three references by 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 10, 2023, to the attention of: "CAO Search" at cao@teulon.ca. The position will remain open until a suitable candidate is found.

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Time has changed so many things, But not the sadness this day brings; Life goes on, we know it's true, But it's not the same since we lost you.
-Forever missed and loved by Dad, Mom, Patrick, Angela, Preston, Malcolm, Evangeline, and Henrik

OBITUARY

Fern Bourcier



With profound sadness we announce the passing of Fern Bourcier on May 23, 2023. He passed peacefully in his sleep, predeceased only one year and 19 days earlier by his loving wife, Barbara Bourcier.
Fern was a caring and loving father, Papa, Grandpa, brother, uncle and friend.
He will be greatly missed by his three children, Jason (Stephanie), Jennifer and Jodi (Jeff); grandchildren Reid (Delaney), Hannah (Devon), Jacob and Samara; sisters Gert, Germaine (Dennis), Gerri and Edna (Jeff) plus numerous nieces and nephews.
Fern was predeceased by his father Adelard, mother Beatrice and brother Joey.
Fern was born in Espanola, Ontario on April 10, 1939 and spent his formative years there. He spoke fondly of many great childhood memories and brought his family back as much as he could. In the early 1960's he moved to Toronto where he met Barb. They married on February 11, 1965. Fern's job as a salesman meant relocating to many new cities and towns all over Eastern Canada. By 1976 they had three kids and made the decision to leave the fresh seafood behind and settle in Manitoba. In 1982 Fern would take his family and settle beside Wavey Creek in Clandeboye.

Fern worked hard his entire life and when he wasn't working, he was building; putting additions on the house, building tree forts and all sorts of projects.

In 1987 he chose to leave a secure job in order to go into a partnership and purchase a shuttered bearing and bolt business which is still known by many as the 'shop'. A few years later he was able to become the sole owner and renamed it Prairie Bearing & Bolt. He worked hard in those early years to build the business. After the business was established, Fern decided to get involved with the Selkirk & District Chamber of Commerce. After two terms as President in Selkirk he was elected President of the Manitoba Chamber of Commerce where he committed to another two years. If you knew Fern, you knew that he loved getting dressed in his best suits to attend many galas.

Between his time at the shop and the time spent involved in the community, he met many people that became friends. He was an avid Facebook user and enjoyed keeping up with family and friends near and far.

Fern was a devoted father, always making time for his three children. He taught them how to build, do renovations and many other skills they would need to navigate life. When the kids were young he shared his love of dirt bikes, fishing and camping.

When retirement loomed, Fern made the tough decision to sell the Wavey Creek house and his beloved 'shop'. He was always proud to say that at one point, all three of his children had worked together with him at the same time. Arguments often ensued but it was the epitome of a family business. After a few years the girls, Jennifer and Jodi, decided to embark on new endeavors. His son Jason stayed to continue running and building the business to what it is today. Fern was pleased to say that presently the shop was now owned and run by his son and his grandson Reid.

After retirement, Fern and Barb became snowbirds, wintering with friends in Apache Junction, Arizona. When a third grandchild was born they decided to reside full time back in Manitoba and made their last move, to Stony Mountain.

Fern was able to be a full time Grandpa and Papa. He adored all four of his grandchildren and up until a few weeks before his passing he picked up his two youngest grandkids from the bus daily. He took this duty very seriously and insisted on always being there 25 minutes early-typical Fern!

When Fern found out that he had stage four lung cancer, he faced the diagnosis with acceptance and dignity. It was terribly aggressive but he fought right until the end. His family rallied around him to make sure that he always had company, he was comfortable and there was always a TV available to watch HGTV and hockey. Heartfelt thanks to his daughter, Jen, for making it possible for Fern to stay at home as long as he did.

The family would like to thank Dr. Demsas and Dr. Emerson for their continued care and support, and to all of the nurses and aides for making Fern feel like he was in a 4 star hotel right until the end.

Fern will be remembered as a consummate napper, voracious reader and master tinkerer. As per his wishes, a funeral will not be held. Cremation has taken place and a Celebration of Life will happen at a later date.

Condolences may be left on his tribute wall at www.gilbartfuneralhome.com

Gilbart Funeral Home, Selkirk in care of arrangements.



BIRTHDAY



Happy 60th Birthday
Allen Robertson
-Love from your family

IN MEMORIAM



Ryan George Grandmont
June 22, 1978 - June 24, 2018
Thank you for the letter you left
It gets me through tough days.
It's still hard to accept your fate
It wasn't supposed to end this way.
Although you died 5 years ago
You never left my side.
I feel your presence daily
On this emotional roller coaster ride.
We miss you every single day.
Happy Birthday Babe.
Until we meet again.
-Love Christine and Trigger xoxo
Missed by the entire Mclvor family

IN MEMORIAM

Dave Hiebert
May 17, 1942 - June 26, 2009
In memory of my husband, our father and grandpa
The moment that you left us,
Our hearts split right in two;
One side filled with memories,
The other died with you.
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OBITUARY



Dorothy Louise Bowman (nee Anderson)

It with great sadness that we announce the passing of our mom/granny, Dorothy Bowman (nee Anderson) on June 12, 2023 at Stonewall Health Centre. It brings us comfort knowing that mom is with her Heavenly Father and is reunited with our dad/papa, whom we lost less than seven months ago.

Mom was born on October 15, 1948, in Dauphin River, Manitoba, to Charles and Mary Anderson. She was the middle child of 13 children. She lived in Dauphin River all her life until meeting and marrying Dad in 1972 and moving to the Bowman farmstead, just south of Gunton.

She leaves to mourn, her daughters Bonita (Joel) Kehler and Leanne (Tyler) Wilton; grandchildren, Tanner Wilton, Lucas Wilton, Danica Kehler and Jonah Kehler; siblings, Beatrice Anderson, John (friend Willie) Anderson, Alex James (Vivian) Anderson, Joe

(Rose) Anderson, Sam (Eileen) Anderson, Marilyn (Norman) Halchuk, Harold (Anne) Anderson, Brian Anderson and her very special niece, Shirley (Edward) Sinclair, whom she thought of as a sister.

Mom was predeceased by her husband Bill; parents Charles and Mary Anderson; in-laws Bert and Verlie Bowman; siblings Marina Letander, Ida Beardy, Walter Anderson and Priscilla Anderson; sisters-in-law, Elva Anderson, Dorothy Anderson, Roseanne Anderson, and brother-in-law, Daniel Beardy; nephew Brent Anderson; and long-life friend, Edna Valen.

Mom was a stay-at-home mom, which is something she truly enjoyed and excelled at, given her gentle and thoughtful nature. She loved gardening, baking, canning, and in her later years, sewing Star Blankets. People could always count on being offered some sort of baking treat when popping in at Mom and Dad's.

Mom loved spending time with family and friends. She never needed to be the centre of attention during gathering, and quietly opted for just having one on one conversations with others that were in attendance, making people feel special as she focused her attention on that one person in the midst of all the other activity going on.

Mom was one of the best grannies around. She thought nothing of hopping in the vehicle, picking them up and taking them out for a treat. She also held great conversations with each and every one of them and showed a true interest in what they were doing. All four of them were her world.

Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at Gunton Greenwood Community Hall, in Gunton Manitoba.

Pallbearers were Jordan Beardy, Andrew Halchuk, Ryan Anderson, Chris Anderson, Stewart Anderson and Lawrence Letander. Honorary pallbearers were Ron Williams, Gary Jahns, Dennis Jahns, Audrey Letander, Norman Halchuk, Gary Smaldon, Matt Steigerwald and Alex Letander. We would also like to consider all those who were close to Mom and loved her dearly to consider themselves as honorary pallbearers.

The family would like to express gratitude to Dr. Kerr Graham and his staff, the staff at Deer Lodge Centre, Stonewall Health Centre and Chief and Council of Dauphin River First Nation. Also thank you for all the calls, drop ins, etc. from friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to the Deer Lodge Centre Foundation.



OBITUARY



James Melvin Minaker

With great sadness we announce the passing of James Melvin Minaker at Teulon Hospital June 16, 2023 at the age of 80 years.

After a lengthy battle with colon cancer. Jim fought so hard to stay with us.

He is survived by his partner Janet Hagen of 27 years and his favorite sister Jessie and her son Phillip. He is also survived by Janet's sons, Ken (Tamara) and Kevin; grandchildren Whyatt, Isabel, Grayson, Odin and Zoey.

He is predeceased by his parents Walter and Jean Minaker.

He grew up mostly in the Grosse Isle area. He farmed with his father for many years, but trucking was in his blood. He drove long haul for many years, eventually starting his own business Dorsey Road Gravel. He loved what he did, and he was a very hard worker. He would help anyone if they needed it. He worked for the R.M. of

Rosser gravelling roads for over 25 years.

Jim and Janet travelled to Mazatlan, Mexico for many years visiting with their Mexican families.

In later years spending the winters in Mesa, Arizona. Jim loved telling stories, and if he used the phrase "to make a long story short" it was going to be a long one...

A special thank you to Mike Palmer and Laura Kapusta for all they did to make Jim's last months as comfortable as possible. Also the staff at Teulon Hospital, Stonewall Hospital, and Stonewall Homecare for their care and compassion given to us all.

At Jim's request there will be no funeral service, cremation has taken place and interment will take place at a future date.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Grosse Isle Heritage Site, Box 34, Grosse Isle, Manitoba ROC 1GO, or e-transfers to grosseisleheritage@gmail.com.

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OBITUARY

Harold Priestley

It is with sadness we announce the passing of Harold Priestley on Monday, June 19, 2023 at Goodwin Lodge Teulon.

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